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Senior Interagency Group No. 23

PARTICIPANTS: See List Attached.

DATE AND TIME: February 24, 1983, at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Deputy Secretary's Conference Room, 7219  
Department of State

SUBJECT: SIG Meeting on Transfer of Strategic  
Technology

SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

The SIG convened to take decisions on U.S. policy toward visa controls and to discuss technology transfer problems regarding Japan and India.

After opening remarks, Chairman Schneider noted the successful conclusion of talks with the Austrian government regarding U.S. high technology exports to that country. He noted also a Defense draft proposal on the subject of digital switching policy. Nine interim progress reports were made available to members of the SIG in written form.

On the principal agenda item, visa controls, Chairman Schneider cited the policy options paper which had been written and cleared in the Special Projects Group, and circulated to participating agencies on February 18-19. The Chairman then read seriatim through the sixteen recommendations of the study, requesting comments and approval on each. Recommendations 1-9, 12, 14 and 16 were approved with little or no comment. On recommendation 10, the word "non-immigrant" was added before the word "aliens". On recommendation 11, Defense and CIA raised procedural questions. After discussion, it was agreed that the Special Projects Group would redraft sections of page 4 of the study pertaining to cases of interagency disagreement on visa decisions. On recommendation 13, it was agreed to

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remove the word "vast" from the sentence on page 11 regarding INS personnel level requirements. On recommendation 15, the SIG discussed the merits of a public announcement, its timing, forum and effect on outside interest groups including the academic community. It was agreed to reword the recommendation to ensure that the public announcement would be studied further by the SIG members before any date or text were made final. However, it was the sense of the SIG that it would be preferable for the government to control the timing and forum of a press release by making an announcement than to make no announcement, or make it ex post facto in response to a press question regarding a specific denial action.

Summing up the visa controls matter, Chairman Schneider stated that recommendation 11 would be redrafted and that recommendation 15 would be altered to reflect the need for interagency consultations. All other recommendations were approved.

On the matter of technology transfer in Japan, the SIG endorsed the action program with the proviso, expressed by NSA and CIA, that information sharing should conform to established guidelines and procedures. The Chairman assured the intelligence agencies that this was the intent of the program. Defense argued for vigorous approaches to the Japanese which would emphasize the need for Japan to adopt active enforcement measures.

On the matter of technology transfer in India, Chairman Schneider noted recent evidence of diversions. CIA reinforced the information with a short briefing. It was agreed that the Special Projects Group would look into the Indian problem and make recommendations on the protection of U.S. technology going to that country.

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